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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES ON BREZHNEV

CONFERENCE PROPOSALS - ENVIRONMENT

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1. EMBOFF APPROACHED WEST GERMAN (FRG) MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS RE REFTEL BREZHNEV PROPOSALS ON ENVIRONMENT FOR APRIL 11-21 ECE PLENARY IN GENEVA. FRG OFFICIALS (BOEHM/THIEM) INDICATED THAT FRG WOULD EXPECT TO SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY POSITION BUT DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM EC ON WHETHER DECISIONS ON BREZHNEV ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT 33RD SENIOR ADVISORS ECE MEETING OR DEFERRED TO 34TH SESSION. ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS, FRG BELIEVES ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED AT 33RD SESSION BUT EC MAY WISH TO DEFER. FRG HAS CONCERN THAT, WITH THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN POLICY PRESTIGE INVESTED BY THE EAST IN THESE PROPOSALS, SHOULD WEST WAIT TOO LONG, EAST MAY PROPOSE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OUTSIDE ECE FRAMEWORK. FRG IS CONCERNED TO KEEP THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS WITHIN ECE BUT NEEDS A PROCESS THAT, WHILE NOT FORCING THE PACE, WILL SATISFY EAST'S DESIRE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. OVERALL, THEREFORE, FRG REMAINS FLEXIBLE AS TO TIMING OF WESTERN RESPONSES.

2. AS REGARDS TOPICS, FRG SEES TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (TBAP) AS BASICALLY A WESTERN PROPOSAL, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOW AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY AS AN EASTERN PROPOSAL. FRG BELIEVES LATTER TOPIC WILL MOST PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED AS A COMPROMISE FOR TBAP, ALTHOUGH GERMANS DO NOT MUCH FAVOR DISCUSSION OF WASTE TECHNOLOGY. FRG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN U.S. VIEWS ON WHAT SUBSTANCES, OTHER THAN SULPHUR DIOXIDE, SHOULD BE TREATED IN TBAP. FRG WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCURS THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD PROVIDE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH PROSPECT OF ACHIEVING CONCRETE RESULTS.

3. FRG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN USG VIEWS ON THIRD TOPIC (TOXIC WASTES). ONLY ASPECT OF THIS TOPIC WHICH FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER WOULD BE FOR HARMONIZATION OF EMISSION CONTROL POLICY.

4. IN GENERAL FRG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO SUPPORT BREZHNEV PROPOSALS ON ENVIRONMENT, SINCE FRG HAS OWN ACTIVE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, HAD NOT EAST INVESTED SUCH A DEGREE OF PRESTIGE IN DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES.

5. ABOVE FRG POSITION REPRESENTS VIEW OF FRG FONOFF

WITH WHOM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS BEEN COORDINATING
POLICY.
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